

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 710  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018**

**Sports in Schools**

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Will the **Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special policy and action plan have been formulated by the Government to promote the traditional sports like wrestling (Indian Kushti) and Kabaddi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether desired results have been achieved therefrom;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the action taken by the Government till date to include Kabaddi competition in Olympic games?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a) to (d): Sports is a State subject. The primary responsibility for development of the sports disciplines, including the traditional sports rests with the State Governments and the concerned Sports Federations. The Central Government only supplements their efforts by providing financial assistance as per the provisions of the 'Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), namely, organizing national/international events in India, participation of Indian Teams in international events abroad, coaching/training of national teams, engagement of foreign coaches, equipment support, etc.

With a view to giving due importance to sports having regional spread, the Government grants recognition to sports federations of indigenous sports disciplines as Regional Sports Federations (RSFs). The Central Government has so far

granted recognition to Indian Kalarippayattu Federation and Sqay Federation of India as RSFs.

To promote traditional/domestic and indigenous sports, Government has given recognition to various NSFs, namely, Indian Amateur Kabaddi Federation, Kho-Kho Federation of India, Tug-of-War Federation of India and AtyaPatya Federation of India. The Central Government provides assistance to the identified sportspersons/teams of the above NSFs for intensive coaching through national coaching camps, foreign exposures / competitions, etc. for achieving excellence at international level.

The National Curriculum Framework, 2005 has already realized the importance of this area and recommended Health and Physical education as a compulsory subject area upto secondary stage for all children. Age appropriate activities related to Health, Physical Education and Yoga are included in the syllabi of Health and Physical Education developed by NCERT. Local games of Indian origin and of Self- defence like Martial Art, Judo/ Karate, games of different parts of India such as Lathi, Kalapati and locally popular games like Kho-Kho, Kabaddi have been included at various stages.

In addition, the Central Government has launched an integrated scheme, for school education named as Samagra Shiksha w.e.f 2018-19, under this scheme there is a provision for encouragement of Sports, Physical activities, Yoga, arts & crafts, co-curricular activities etc. For meeting the expenditure on procuring sports equipments for indoor and outdoor, Sports grants upto Rs.5,000/- for primary, upto Rs. 10,000/- for upper primary and upto Rs.25,000/- for secondary and senior secondary schools are admissible.

Also, the Central Board of Secondary Education organizes competitions in 24 disciplines at Cluster, Zone and National levels for independent schools affiliated to it. Kabbadi is one of the 23 categories for these competitions. 21,560 students participated in Kabbadi events organized at various level under Inter School Sports and Games Competitions in the year 2017-18.

(e): Inclusion of any sports discipline in the Olympic Games is decided by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The Central Government has no role in the matter.

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